

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF PEPPER
VAIKO

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of the pepper in the country in comparison to the world during the last three years and country-wise figures;
- (b) the estimated production of pepper in the coming season in the country in comparison to the world estimated, country-wise figures;
- (c) the estimated internal consumption during this period;
- (d) the details of pepper price in the country during the last three years in comparison to world, year-wise and country-wise;
- (e) the estimated fall in the pepper price alongwith reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to help the farmers in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The latest statistics of production of black pepper in the country are available for 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000. These are as given below:

Year	Production (thousand tonnes)
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1997-98	57.33
1998-99	66.36
1999-2000	58.29

The estimates of production of black pepper for ensuing season in the country are not made. Similar figures in respect of world/ other countries are also not available. However, a comparative statement on production of chillies and pepper in different countries of the world for the years 1997, 1998 and 1999 from FAO Production Yearbook is given in the Annexure-I.

(c): No official estimates of internal consumption of black pepper are prepared.

(d): The monthly prices of pepper at important locations in India vis-à-vis those in Brazil and United Kingdom during 1998 to 2000 are given in annexure - II.

(e): The Wholesale Price Indices (WPI) (base year 1993-94 = 100) of black pepper during 1997-98 to 2001-02 are given below:

Year	WPI
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1997-98	421.1
1998-99	511.2
1999-2000	525.9
2000-01	501.4
2001-02@	303.2

@ Average of 5 months from April 2001 to August 2001.

The fall in prices of pepper is mainly due to increase in supply position in the international markets and the main buying countries have reduced their inventory level.

(f): Government have taken the following steps to improve exports which in turn will help the farmers :

- ? Support exporters, traders, processors and growers to improve quality of pepper through post harvest training, setting up of processing units and improving infrastructure including in-house laboratories for quality checks.
- ? Awarding spice house certificate and Indian spices LOGO for consistent improvement in quality.
- ? Assist exporters in brand promotion.
- ? Participate in international fairs and seminars to promote Indian pepper.
- ? The futures trading of pepper, conducted by Indian Pepper and Spice Trade Association (IPSTA) at Cochin, gives opportunities for growers and traders to participate in futures trade for better prices. Government of India have also agreed to conduct futures trading of pepper in dollar terms.
- ? Popularising organic farming of pepper which fetches a premium price in the international market.

ANNEXURE

Production of Chillies & Peppers, Green ('000 TONNES)

1997 1998 1999

WORLD	16543	17553	18088
AFRICA	1993	2024	2313
ALGERIA	191	157	156
BENIN	24	20	20 F
BUREINA FASO	7 F	7 F	7 F
COTE DIVOIRE	21	21 F	21 F
EGYPT	363	385	635
GHANA	235	300	300 F
LIBYA	13 F	14 F	14 F
MALI	1 F	1 F	1 F
NAURITIUS	1	1	1 F
MOROCCO	201	204	200 F
NIGERIA	745	709	738
SUDAN	4 F	5F	5 F
TUNISIA	186	200	215 @
N.C. AMERICA	2211	2582	2679
BARBADOS	1	1 F	1 F
CANADA	42	35	38 F
CUBA	10	12 F	12 F
DOMINICAN RP	12	16	17 F
EL SALVADOR	2 F	2 F	3 F
GUATEMALA	2 F	2 F	2 F
HONDURAS	4 F	2	2 F
JAMAICA	7	7	7 F
MEXICO	1446	1850	1943
PANAMA	2 F	2 F	2 F
PUERTO RICO	4	4 F	4 F
TRINIDAD TOB	1 F	1 F	1 F
USA	679	649	649F
SOUTHAMERICA	281	331	334
ARGENTINA	90 F	90 F	93 F
BOLIVIA	6	6	6 F
CHILE	60 F	71	72 F
COLOMBIA	10 F	10 F	10 F
ECUADOR	5	17	4
PARAGUAY	10	9	10 F
PERU	32	49	50 F
URUGUAY	7F	7 F	7 F
VENEZUELA	62	72	83
ASIA (FMR)	9370	9806	10052
ASIA	9394	9836	10086
AZERBAIJAN	2 @	3 F	2 F
BHUTAN	9 F	9 F	9 F
CHINA	7033 F	7283 F	7513 F
CYPRUS	2	2	2 F

INDIA 48 F 49 F 49 F
 INDONESIA 316 274 274 F
 IRAQ 30 F 32 F 29 F
 ISRAEL 79 95 95 F
 JAPAN 169 160 160 F
 JORDAN 19 19 F 19 F
 KAZAKHSTAN 22 @ 27 @ 32 @
 KOREA D P RP 50 F 50 F 50 F
 KOREA REP 322 288 307
 KUWAIT 4 5 6
 PHILIPPINES 18 18 18F
 QATAR 1 1F 1F
 SRI LANKA 72 62 62 F
 SYRIA 40 40F 38 F
 THAILAND 12F 13F 13 F
 TURKEY 1130 1390 1390 F
 UNTD ARAB EM 6 6 7 F
 YEMEN 9 10 10
 EUROPE (FMR) 2516 2611 2494
 EUROPE 2630 2747 2642
 AUSTRIA 6 6F 6 F
 BEL-LUX 12 14 13 F
 BULGARIA 180 242 242 F
 CROATIA 25 28 37
 CZECH REP 5 F 5F 5 F
 FRANCE 28 27 26
 GREECE 91 103 100 F
 HUNGARY 141 152 153 F
 ITALY 357 349 316
 MACEDONIA 100 111 111 F
 MOLDOVA REP 28 @ 30 F 38 @
 NETHERLANDS 251 250 250 F
 PORTUGAL 1 F 1 F 1 F
 ROMANIA 167 191 60
 SLOVAKIA 42 42 F 42 F
 SPAIN 893 883 924
 UK 7 7 8
 UKRAINE 86 106 110 @
 YUGOSLAV SFR
 YUGOSLAVIA 209 200 F 200 F
 OCEANIA 34 33 33
 AUSTRALIA 32 31 31 F
 FIJI ISLANDS 1 F 1 1 F
 NEW ZEALAND 1 F 1 1 F

F - FAO Estimates.
 @ - Un-Official Figures.

Source : FAO Production Yearbook 1999, Vol. 53

Annexure-II

Prices of Black Pepper in India, Brazil and United Kingdom (Rs. per quintal)

Country State/Centre Variety Year Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Country	State/Centre	Variety	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
India	Kerala, Alleppey Palai	1998	15100	17800	20200	20500	20500	20100	21700	21700	21000	20500	19000	20600	
		1999	19000	17500	18000	17700	18300	18600	18500	20600	21500	25500	24100	21500	
		2000	21800	20700	21300	22500	22400	21000	21000	20400	18000	16500	12500	14500	

Kerala, Cochin Ungarbled

1998 15200 17500 20200 20500 20500 20000 21600 21300 20300 19900 19800 20400

1999 NA NA 17600 17500 18000 18000 17900 21000 21500 25500 22800 21300

2000 21800 19500 21200 21800 22200 20800 20800 20100 19100 NA NA NA

Karnataka, - 1998 17196 NA 20529 NA NA NA 18892 NA NA NA 19899 20195

Sirsi 1999 20629 NA 20890 16200 15190 17899 17890 20946 19839 22829 23719 21469

2000 21269 21819 20499 22899 21896 19669 19299 NA 17691 18569 15696 14279

Karnataka, - 1998 14064 14250 18750 NA 19600 18500 NA NA NA 19098 18694

Mangalore 1999 18000 16278 16732 16000 16520 16532 16636 19232 19232 NA 23034 20000

2000 19500 18732 18652 21636 21600 19000 18552 18932 18200 18200 NA NA

Tamil Nadu, Garbled 1998 20800 19400 19400 19750 20000 20000 21000 21700 21700 22200 21700 21750

Chennai 1999 21200 21200 18000 18200 18000 18200 18400 22100 22250 25500 26500 22500

2000 22500 22500 20000 22000 21700 20500 20000 21000 18000 18200 14000 13000

Brazil Grade I 1998 NA 18653 18262 NA NA NA 23031 23312 21767 21690 21736 20506

1999 21335 20130 20884 NA NA 22526 21695 21810 23177 23975 26578 25559

2000 24707 23833 24144 23789 24057 NA NA 20948 16884 16370 14295 NA

UK London Sarawak 1998 16577 16710 21637 23142 22369 25057 22605 22017 21340 21690 21736 21360

Special 1999 21335 21415 21310 19944 19305 19927 19959 22682 24052 23975 25271 25340

Black 2000 23177 21865 22150 21170 21161 21362 19998 20249 18291 16133 15248 13998